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F. Andrew Turley, Esq.  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 4865

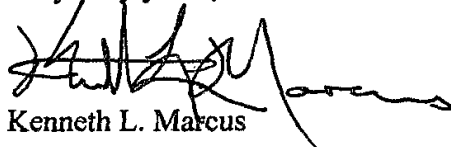
Dear Mr. Turley:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of December 16, 1998, this letter is to request, on behalf of the National Rifle Association (the "NRA"), an extension of time within which to respond to your letter of December 7, 1998, which was received on or around December 10. As we agreed, the current deadline for the NRA's response is December 25, 1998—Christmas Day.

In light of the holidays, and the fact that this firm has only recently received a copy of the complaint, we request that the due date for our response be extended until January 15, 1999. During our phone conversation, you indicated that you believed that this extension "should not be a problem." Accordingly, we are acting on the assumption that our application will be granted and that our response will be due on January 15, 1999.

We will be forwarding a Statement of Designation of Counsel under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth L. Marcus

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